

**Passaic River Superfund Community Advisory Group Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2012**

6 PM - 9 PM

St. James Church

Enter door at rear parking lot at the corner of Madison and Elm

Draft Agenda as of 9/6/12

POST PRESENTATIONS TO WEB SITE

Not Responsive (and deliberative)

6:00 PM Agenda Review
 Introductions
 Status of TASC request
 Status of information request on odor complaints

TASC has to be broken into discrete elements – what reports need to be reviewed first?
Potentially odor complaint issue in Nov CAG meeting.

6:15 PM Phase 1 Removal Summary and Results, Q&A
 --Liz Bulter, USEPA

JoeN: Did you do any monitoring of garbage incinerator nearby? No.

CarolJ: SuperJTI worked well. Hope will be used in each of the subsequent phases of the project, hope CPG will consider it.

DougS: How long will website be up? Indefinitely.

DebbieM: Post construction monitoring? Sheetpile wall & 80 Lister wall stability; final bathymetry survey.

DebbieM: Long-term monitoring to make sure nothing moves? Should be in WPs, will be TSI responsibility. Would not expect 12ft of backfill to move.

DougS: Extends thanks for level of cooperation from Tierra/Arcadis

6:45 PM River Mile 10.9 Removal Project Update, Q&A
 --Ray Basso, USEPA/Stephanie

Rob Law: No dredging/capping material on land, all by water.

CarolJ: Is this emergency because of presence of dioxin? Because of highly elevated concs of dioxin, PCBs, mercury, etc.. in surface.

CarolJ: What about other places that have similar characteristics as RM10.9? RobL: There are 7-8 mudflats in RM7-13. More info next month.

JoeN: NJ building Rt3 bridge that can't be opened, will it affect this? No, this is south of bridge.

BenD: Cap final elevation same as current bathymetry, can it be lowered, especially in channel?

BenD also expresses concern over cap armor material damaging boat bottoms.

BenD: Why is it highly contaminated at surface? River hydrodynamics explained.

Ella F: What kind of response did you get from Lyndhurst? Lyndhurst has 30% design, got presentation (but did not hear about bench scale results).

Ella F: Does stabilization increase cost of project?

DaveK: Nearing time to have CAG meeting in Lyndhurst – CAG needs to discuss.

Ben D: Offered to arrange meeting with coaches after we know more about timing.

MollyG: Air monitoring planned? Yes.

Community Concerns:

- Time of day for construction.
- Speed of barges (too slow takes up river/too fast creates wakes)
- Size of barges
- Certain times of day when bridges are not allowed to open because of traffic.
- Improving Lyndhurst boat ramp? Will be improved in order to be used.

7:15 PM Path Forward on Decision-Making for Lower 8 Miles, Remedial Options
and Key Considerations
--Walter Mugdan, USEPA

CarolJ: Opposition to thermal/incineration is profound, over 25 yrs.

JoeN: What is the difference between thermal and incineration (heat vs. heat)?

DougS: Not having knowledge to choose a decon technology? What we have to consider in our decision is: Walter gives example using Off-Site vs. Decon, consider cost comparison, what works right now; mentions possibility for contingent decision (off-site unless decon facility built).

WalterM says we will make portions of FFS available to CAG before NRRB.

CarolJ: What about TSI Phase 2? Ray says he has mtg with Tierra in 2 weeks to discuss.

HarveyM: Have we run problem of DMM through engineering schools? Lots of experts are working on.

KirkB: Was CAD considered for Hudson River? Wouldn't work, no clay, can't barge it fast.

KirkB: Would community opposition make us not pick CAD? It would be a factor.

BenD: Who would maintain cap, with financial assurances, etc.? PRPs.

Debbie M: Do you take into account restoration opportunities (don't want to lose sight of restoration aspect)? No difference between alternatives. Superfund does not improve, but will restore to what was there (but cleaner). Not primary objective of program. Capping with Dredging does not preclude habitat restoration when compared to Deep Dredging.

Bob R: Source control, how does it play in? Communicating with Water Program (TMDLs), not too many other dioxin sources; WalterM provides Gowanus Canal & Hudson examples.

KirkB: Looks like CAD has inside track, so should involve Newark Bay communities.

8:00 PM Q&A

8:30 PM Public Comment

8:30 PM Wrapup and Next Steps for the CAG

9:00 PM Adjourn

Next Meetings:

Thursday, October 11
Thursday, November 8